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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1-37 are pending.

Claims 1-22, 30-34, 36 and 37 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 23-29 and 35 stand rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 23-24 and 26-27 are amended.

Applicant contends that no new matter has been added by the claim amendments and, accordingly, entry and approval of same is respectfully requested. Support for the claim amendments is found throughout the specification, and, more particularly, in the specification, for example, at page 104, lines 8-16 and at page 69, line 23 to page 70, line 5.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

In the Office Action at item 4, claims 23-29 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,408,232 to Cannon et al. (hereinafter referred to as Cannon).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 23

Claim 23 is directed to a method of servicing a vehicle, and recites "selecting, by said user, from within said vehicle one or more of said displayed at least one of vehicle service recommendations or vehicle replacement part recommendations." That is, one or more of the service recommendations or the replacement parts recommendations are selected from within the vehicle.

Cannon Reference

Cannon is directed to a wireless piconet access to vehicle operational statistics network with a fixed wireless piconet transceiver. The disclosure of Cannon, however, is contrary to the features recited in claim 1 of "selecting, by said user, from within said vehicle ... vehicle service recommendations or vehicle replacement part recommendations." Cannon discloses that the desired vehicle data to be tracked, can be the configured (selected) on the owner's home computer and transmitted to the vehicle computer. (See Cannon at column 6, lines 39-43.) In Cannon, the vehicle data may include monitoring of statistics relating to areas that periodically need replacement including such items as tires, brakes oil, engine coolant, wiper fluid and hoses. This data is automatically "updated (via

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piconet) to the owner's [home] computer" (brackets and emphasis added, see column 7, lines 27-31 and lines 53-55, as well as, the antecedent support at column 6, lines 39-43 for the term "owner's home computer"). Cannon, however, is silent regarding the selection of recommendations, and more particularly, teaches away from any such selection by a user from within the vehicle. This is because Cannon discloses the automatic transfer of vehicle data from within the vehicle.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 23 patentably distinguishes over the cited art and is allowable.

Independent claim 26, which include similar features to the above-mentioned features in claim 23, should also be allowable for at least similar reasons to those of claim 23.

Dependent claims 24-25, 27-29 and 35

Dependent claims 24-25, 27-29 and 35 each include all of the features of the respective independent claims from which they ultimately depend. Thus, applicant contends that these claims are also allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

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Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant respectfully submits that claims 23-29 and 35 are in condition for allowance and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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